

## KCEWS Data Request FAQs

1. **What is aggregate-level data?** Aggregate data is basically a summary. Aggregate data cannot provide the type of detailed information, that individual level data can. No data sharing agreement is needed for this data request.

Example: (this is sample **aggregate-level data**)

Race/Ethnicity	High School Graduates of 2013-14			High School Graduates of 2014-15		
	Number of Graduates	Number Attending College In-State	In-State College Going Rate	Number of Graduates	Number Attending College In-State	In-State College Going Rate
Black, Non-Hispanic	2,289	1,500	55.2%	4,127	2,784	48.2%
Hispanic or Latino, regardless of race	1,357	523	43.7%	1,716	642	44.5%
White, Non-Hispanic Only	31,978	23,223	51.6%	31,413	27,017	55.2%
Eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch	28,700	9,104	34.3%	26,127	9,945	43.5%
Not Eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch	25,578	14,000	49.6%	21,922	13,110	64.8%
Total	89,902	25,104	50.1%	47,049	25,825	54.1%

2. **What is individual-level data?** Individual data does not include personally identifiable information (PII) but it still contains data based on an individual not a grouping. You would not receive the person's name but you would receive information about where they attended college and which programs they participated in for example. In order to receive individual-level data, you must complete a data sharing agreement. KCEWS staff will initiate the data sharing agreement after the data request form is completed.

Example: (this is sample **individual-level data**)

KCEWS_ID	Gender	Postsecondary Institution	Degree Year	Degree Semester	Degree Level	Major CIP Code	Major	Credit Hours Earned
KCEWS40971	Male	Western Kentucky University	2006	Spring	Associate	131101	Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	60
KCEWS40971	Male	Western Kentucky University	2008	Spring	Bachelor's	380101	Philosophy	144
KCEWS61123	Female	University of Louisville	2008	Fall	Master's	500702	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	161
KCEWS51121	Female	Bluegrass Community & Technical College	2012	Spring	Certificate	131203	Executive Assistant/Executive Secretary	30
KCEWS51121	Female	Bluegrass Community & Technical College	2012	Spring	Diploma	520101	Medical Administrative/Executive Assistant and Medical Secretary	51
KCEWS90442	Female	Berea College	2013	Fall	Bachelor's	511613	Fine/Studio Arts, General	120

3. **Can KCEWS match outside data with data in the KLDS?** Most likely, yes, KCEWS can match your data with data in the KLDS to measure program outcomes or help answer other research

questions. Complete the data request form and someone from KCEWS will contact you and explain how to upload the data onto our secure FTP server.

4. **Are there costs associated with my data request?** It depends. KCEWS operates on a cost-recovery model and has developed a reasonable fee schedule for services provided (KRS 151B.133). Requests for aggregate-level data are typically not subject to fees unless matching data with data in the KLDS is required, although this varies by request. Requests for individual-level data are usually subject to cost-recovery fees due to the time and effort required to fulfill the request. Fees apply for statistical analyses, such as running a regression analysis for a data requestor, rather than just simple descriptive statistics for aggregated data requests.
5. **How long will it take to fulfill my request?** This depends on KCEWS' workload at the time of the request and whether the request is for aggregate-level or individual-level data. Aggregate requests may take several weeks or more to fulfill since KCEWS is required to provide up to 10 business days for our partner agencies to review requests that use their data. Individual-level requests may take several months or more due to the MOU/SOW process.